

Good evening everyone. Welcome to tonight's program. I am Donna Wolff, President of The Council of the Library Foundation. The Council is a support group for the Foundation. Since its inception in 1995 it has contributed more than 3 million dollars to enrich the many services of the Los Angeles Public Library.

With us this evening <sup>ARE</sup> ~~is~~ the Executive Director of the Library Foundation of L.A., Evelyn Hoffman Nancy Harahan, Chairman of The Council and Library Commissioner, Robert Chick

And Council member and best-selling author Judith Krantz.

Los Angeles residents have something quite exciting to look forward to in the days and weeks ahead ... Fourteen libraries will be opening within the next six months beginning with the brand new **West Valley Library** which opens to the public on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the beautifully renovated **North Hollywood** Library which opens its doors November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Throughout the year, The Council Literary Series brings interesting and renown writers to the Central Library. These programs are made possible through the generosity of City National Bank and the accounting firm of KPMG who proudly support The Council of the Library Foundation in its work to provide

rich cultural and educational opportunities for the community at the Los Angeles Public Library.

Tonight we are honored to have Daniel Ellsberg as our guest author.

In October of 1969, Mr. Ellsberg – fully expecting to spend the rest of his life in prison – began smuggling out of his office, and Xeroxing, the seven-thousand page, top-secret study of U.S. decision-making in Vietnam, known as the Pentagon Papers. He did so with the intent of revealing these secrets to congress and the American public and in so doing, he set in motion actions that would eventually topple a presidency and end a war.

*SECRETS: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers* is the first account ever, by Mr. Ellsberg, of how, and why, he revealed these papers and how his actions helped alter the course of U.S. history.

Mr. Ellsberg, a Harvard graduate, began his career as the coldest of the cold warriors – he was a U.S. Marine company commander, a Pentagon official, an analyst at the Rand corporation, and a staunch supporter of America's battle against Communist expansion.

SECRETS is the story of how Mr. Ellsberg underwent a grave change in conscience, and how this change stemmed precisely and logically from his work in the government, and at Rand. Covering the decade between his entry into the Pentagon and Nixon's resignation, SECRETS is Mr.

Ellsberg's vivid and detailed account of the secrets and lies that shaped American foreign policy during the Vietnam era. It is at once - the memoir of a committed, daring man, an insider's exposé of Washington, and a meditation on the meaning of patriotism under a government intoxicated by keeping secrets.

Please welcome Daniel Ellsberg.

Thank you so much Mr. Ellsberg  
for participating in tonight's program.

Mr. Ellsberg will be signing books in the Library lobby.

Before we adjourn,

I would like to thank tonight's hostesses Sharon Rising and Kerstin Royce And share with you two upcoming Council events at the library:

On Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> the renown novelist, screenwriter, food and wine writer Jim Harrison will discuss his newest book, a memoir, titled *Off to the Side*.

On Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> we will present Michael Oren, the author of *Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East*.

**I hope you will join us. Thank you.**